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SUBJ: SITUATION PEACE CORPS IN CHAD

REF: STATE 274445

1. AT END MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE NOV 25
I ASKED HIM IF HE AWARE OF SITUATION PEACE CORPS CHAD AND
PRESIDENT MALLOUM'S DECISION TAKEN ONE WEEK BEFORE, TELEPHONED
TO ME BY MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL, THAT ALL PCVS LEAVE COUNTRY
IF TWO PCVS WITHDRAWN FROM FAYA LARGEAU. HE SAID THAT HE NOT
AWARE OF SITUATION WHICH, DISGUSING MY INCREDULITY, I THEN
PROCEEDED TO OUTLINE. HE MADE STRONG PLEA CONTINUATION
VOLUNTEERS AT FAYA AT LEAST UNTIL END OF ACADEMIC YEAR.
I SAID THAT I REGRETTE THE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION, BUT, ON
BALANCE, EMB AND DEPT FELT OBLIGED TO RECALL THEM ON GROUNDS
THEIR PERSONAL SECURITY. I CONTINUED THAT I UNDERSTOOD HIS
CONCERN ABOUT EFFECTS ON FAYA SCHOOL OF WITHDRAWING TWO PCVS
BUT THAT I DID NOT UNDERSTAND APPARENT DECISION GOC TO COMPEL
WITHDRAWAL 48 ADDITIONAL PCVS AND THEREBY PLACE IN EQUAL DIS-
COMFITURE SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS ACROSS THE LENGTH
AND BREADTH OF CHAD. I NOTED THAT WITHDRAWAL WOULD UNAVOIDABLY
GENERATE CERTAIN AMOUNT PUBLICITY IN US AND, THAT I WOULD MUCH
APPRECIATE HIS COUNSEL AS TO HOW GOC FORESAW FUTURE GOC/USG
RELATIONS IN THIS CONTEXT.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER'S REPLY WAS, IN ESSENCE, THAT MATTER BEYOND HIS
COMPETANCE ALTHOUGH HE IMPLIED THAT WITHDRAWAL ALL PCVS
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SEEMED TO HIM UNLIKELY. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF I REQUIRED

ANSWER I SHOULD RAISE MATTER WITH PRESIDENT MALLOUM WITH WHOM MEETING SCHEDULED LATER IN MORNING. I SAID THAT I HAD NO DESIRE FORCE GOC INTO HASTY DECISION AND DID NOT INTEND RAISE QUESTION ALTHOUGH I FULLY PREPARED DISCUSS IT SHOULD PRESIDENT HIMSELF WISH. PRESIDENT, IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING REPORTED SEPTTEL, DID NOT RAISE QUESTION, ALTHOUGH I MORALLY CERTAIN HE BRIEFED ON MY EARLIER MEETING WITH KAMOUGUE.

3. THIS LEAVES US WITH ONE PCV IN LIMBO IN FAYA. PC CHAD HAS MEET ALL PCVS NDJAMENA OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE FAYA PCV RETURN DEC 15. GOC AWARE OF MEETING FOR SOME TIME AND I MENTIONED IT TO FOREIGN MINISTER. WITH CONCURRENCE PCD, I RECOMMEND THAT REMAINING PCV TRAVEL TO NDJAMENA DEC 15 AND NOT RETURN, AND THAT WE ALERT GOC THROUGH DIRGEN MFA AND MINISTER EDUCATION IN COURSE OF NEXT WEEK (NOV 28 IS CHADIAN HOLIDAY) OF OUR INTENTION. PLEASE ADVISE.DWYER

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